Extradition treaty with Bangladesh

310. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have signed an extradition treaty during the meeting of Home Minister of the SAARC in May, 2006;

(b) whether the issue of extradition treaty was also discussed during that meeting;

(c) whether India has submitted a list of Indian fugitives who are sheltering in Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, what was the outcome of the discussions held and to what extent decision taken would help in reducing the anti-Indian activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) India has been periodically handling over lists of India Insurgent Group (IIG) camps and fugitives/IIGs arrested/staying in Bangladesh. These were most recently handed over during the Home Secretary level talks held in New Delhi from October 27-28, 2005. Bangladesh side, in response, reiteratd that it 'does not allow its territory to be used by any entity or element inimical to the neighbours of Bangladesh including India".

Trade with China

311. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China have agreed to open Nathu La Pass, which was closed for the last more than four decades, for trade between India and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum, in terms of dollars of trade expected through Nathu La Pass between India and China;